

What is claimed is:

- 1) A window shade sound-attenuation system comprising:
  - a) shade means, comprising at least one bottomrail bar having at least one window-facing side, at least one room-interior-facing side, at least one length and at least two ends, for shading at least one window comprising window structures; and
  - b) sound-attenuating cushion means for cushioning said at least one bottomrail bar in a sound-attenuating manner with respect to potential impacts of said at least one bottomrail bar with at least one of said window structures;
  - c) wherein said sound-attenuating cushion means comprises at least one first material strip attached to said window-facing side along said at least one length of said at least one bottomrail bar.
- 2) The window shade sound-attenuation system according to Claim 1 wherein said sound-attenuating cushion means further comprises at least one second material strip attached to at least one of said at least two ends.
- 3) The window shade sound-attenuation system according to Claim 1, further comprising at least one adjustment means for adjusting said sound-attenuating cushion means to fit said at least one length of said at least one bottomrail bar.

- 4) The window shade sound-attenuation system according to Claim 1, wherein said sound-attenuating cushioning means further comprises at least one backing means for adding support to said sound-attenuating cushioning means.
- 5) The window shade sound-attenuation system according to Claim 4 further comprising:
  - a) at least one friction-fit channel attachable to said at least one bottomrail bar;
  - b) wherein said at least one friction-fit channel comprises said at least one backing means.
- 6) The window shade sound-attenuation system according to Claim 4 further comprising said at least one backing means adhesively attached to said at least one bottomrail bar.
- 7) The window shade sound-attenuation system according to Claim 4 further comprising at least one fastener means for fastening said at least one backing means to said at least one bottomrail bar.
- 8) The window shade sound-attenuation system according to Claim 7 wherein said fastener means comprises at least one screw.

- 9) The window shade sound-attenuation system according to Claim 1 further comprising at least one locator means for locating said sound-attenuation cushion means relative to said at least one bottomrail bar during installation, wherein said at least one bottomrail bar is cushioned from impacting at least one of said window structures.
- 10) A window shade sound-attenuation system comprising:
- a) at least one shade, comprising at least one bottomrail bar having at least one window-facing side, at least one room-interior-facing side, at least one length and at least two ends, structured and arranged to shade at least one window comprising window structures;
  - b) at least one sound-attenuating cushion structured and arranged to cushion said at least one bottomrail bar in a sound-attenuating manner with respect to potential impacts of said at least one bottomrail bar with at least one of said window structures; and
  - c) at least one first material strip structured and arranged to attach to said window-facing side along said at least one length of said at least one bottomrail bar.

- 11) The window shade sound-attenuation system according to Claim 10, wherein said sound-attenuating cushion further comprises at least one second material strip structured and arranged to attach to at least one of said at least two ends.
- 12) The window shade sound-attenuation system according to Claim 10, wherein said sound-attenuating cushion further comprises at least one backing structured and arranged to add support said at least one cushion.
- 13) The window shade sound-attenuation system according to Claim 12, comprising at least one friction-fit channel structured and arranged to be attachable to said at least one bottomrail bar, wherein said at least one friction-fit channel comprises said at least one backing.
- 14) The window shade sound-attenuation system according to Claim 12, comprising at least one adhesive attachment structured and arranged to attach to said at least one bottomrail bar, wherein said at least one backing is attached to said at least one adhesive attachment.
- 15) The window shade sound-attenuation system according to Claim 12, comprising at least one fastener structured and arranged to fasten said at least one backing to said at least one bottomrail bar.

- 16) The window shade sound-attenuation system according to Claim 15, wherein said fastener comprises at least one screw.
- 17) The window shade sound-attenuation system according to Claim 10 further comprising at least one locating guide structured and arranged to guide installation location of said at least one cushion relative to said at least one bottomrail bar during installation.

- 18) A consumer kit for at least one sound-attenuation system for a window shade comprising at least one bottomrail bar, wherein the sound-attenuation system provides cushion means for cushioning the at least one bottomrail bar in a sound-attenuating manner with respect to potential impacts of the at least one bottomrail bar with at least one adjacent window structure, wherein said consumer kit comprises:
- a) kit contents; and
  - b) at least one consumer packaging material packaging said kit contents;
  - c) wherein said consumer packaging material comprises indicia indicating at least one specific shade type and size-range;
  - d) wherein said contents comprise
    - i) at least one attachable backing,
    - ii) at least one attachable cushion,
    - iii) at least one locating guide,
    - iv) at least one set of instructions for installation of the sound-attenuation system, and

v) an excess of said at least one attachable backing and said at least one attachable cushion sufficient to allow consumer cutting to size said at least one attachable cushion and said at least one attachable backing to fit said at least one specific shade type and size-range.

- 19) A business system, for distribution of consumer kits, used to create window shade sound-attenuation systems, for window shades having at least one bottomrail bar, comprising:
- a) providing to window shade retailers and customers at least one first inventory listing of such consumer kits of sound-attenuating cushions adjustable in size to fit individual window shades;
  - b) providing to said window shade retailers and customers at least one second inventory listing of such consumer kits of sound-attenuating cushions manufactured to fit standard-sized window shades;
  - c) wherein said first inventory listing and said second inventory listing contain such consumer kits in a selection of finishes which will match standard window shade finishes;
  - d) providing to said window shade retailers prices at which said window shade retailers may order and purchase initial stock of such consumer kits; and
  - e) providing to said window shade retailers prices at which said window shade retailers may re-order and purchase additional stock of such consumer kits.

- 20) A business system, for distribution of consumer kits, used to create window shade sound-attenuation systems, for window shades having at least one bottomrail bar, comprising:
- a) providing to manufacturers at least one second inventory listing of such consumer kits of sound-attenuating cushions, manufactured to fit standard-sized window shades;
  - b) providing to said manufacturers a method of matching finishes of such consumer kits to finishes of the window shades upon which such consumer kits are to be installed;
  - c) providing to said manufacturers prices at which said manufacturers may order and purchase initial stock of such consumer kits; and
  - d) providing to said manufacturers prices at which said manufacturers may re-order and purchase additional stock of such consumer kits.